

# Program Notice

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**FEES FOR FGIS OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES  
PERFORMED BY FGIS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AND FOR  
SUPERVISION OF OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES  
PERFORMED BY AGENCIES.**

1. PURPOSE

This program notice transmits the fee schedule for official services performed by the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), in the United States and Canada (Attachments 1 and 2). It also transmits fee schedules for supervision of official services performed by delegated States and designated Agencies (Attachment 3).

2. INSTRUCTIONS

The revised fees for Official Inspection and Weighing Services performed by FGIS in the United States, reflect the increase to hourly rates and unit fees as published in the Federal Register (63 FR 70990), dated December 23, 1998, and made effective February 1, 1999.

3. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This program notice supersedes FGIS-PN-98-18, dated 7/1/98.

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Attachments

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration  
Federal Grain Inspection Service

Billing Codes and Rates for Official Inspection, Weighing, and Appeal  
Inspection Services for Grain  
Performed in the United States 1/

**TABLE 1**  
**Original Inspection and Official Weighing 2/ 3/ 4/ 5/**

Hourly Rates

<u>Service</u>	<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>
One Year Contract	Monday-Friday (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	G201	\$25.20/hour
	Monday-Friday (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	G202	\$27.20/hour
	Saturday, Sunday, overtime	G203	\$35.40/hour
	Holiday	G204	\$42.60/hour
Six Month Contract	Monday-Friday (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	G205	\$27.60/hour
	Monday-Friday (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	G206	\$29.40/hour
	Saturday, Sunday, overtime	G207	\$37.60/hour
	Holiday	G208	\$49.40/hour
Three Month Contract	Monday-Friday (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	G209	\$31.60/hour
	Monday-Friday (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	G210	\$32.60/hour
	Saturday, Sunday, overtime	G211	\$41.00/hour
	Holiday	G212	\$51.00/hour
Noncontract	Monday-Friday (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	G213	\$36.60/hour
	Monday-Friday (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	G214	\$38.60/hour
	Saturday, Sunday, overtime	G215	\$46.80/hour
	Holiday	G216	\$57.60/hour

**Services Performed Online at the Applicant's Facility 6/**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>
Aflatoxin (other than TLC)	G218	\$ 8.50
Aflatoxin (TLC)	G217	\$20.00
Soybean protein and oil (one or both)	G256	\$ 1.50
Wheat protein (per test)	G286	\$ 1.50
Sunflower oil (per test)	G274	\$ 1.50
Vomitoxin (qualitative)	G279	\$ 7.50
Vomitoxin (quantitative)	G281	\$12.50
Waxy corn (per test)	G284	\$ 1.50
Corn protein, oil, and starch (one or all)	G290	\$ 1.50
Class Y Weighing (per carrier)		
Truck/container	G238	\$ .30
Railcar	G237	\$ 1.25
Barge	G236	\$ 2.50
Administrative fee-assessed on all outbound carriers (per metric ton) (assessed in addition to all other applicable fees, only one administrative fee will be assessed when inspection and weighing services are performed on the same carrier). <u>7/</u>	G244	Per EGIS Computer Screen

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1/ As published in section 800.71 (a) of the regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. See Federal Register (63 FR 70990) dated December 23, 1998, and effective February 1, 1999.

2/ Hourly fees will be assessed in 1/4 hour increments for each service representative.

3/ Fees apply for original inspection and weighing, reinspection, and appeal inspection service and include, but are not limited to, sampling, grading, weighing, prior to loading stowage examinations, and certifying results performed within 25 miles of an employee's assigned duty station. Travel and related expenses will be charged for service outside 25 miles as found in section 800.72 (1).

4/ Overtime rates will be assessed for all hours in excess of 8 consecutive hours that result from an applicant scheduling or requesting service beyond 8 hours, or if requests for additional shifts exceed existing staffing.

5/ Tests or services performed that are not listed in this schedule should be billed at the applicable noncontract hourly rate with G240 as the rate code used.

6/ Appeal and reinspection services will be assessed the same fee as the original inspection service.

7/ The administrative fee is assessed on an accumulated basis beginning at the start of the service's fiscal year (October 1 each year).

**TABLE 2**  
**Services Performed at Other Than an Applicant's Facility**  
**in an FGIS Laboratory 1/ 2/ 3/ 8/**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>
<b><u>Original Inspection and Weighing (Class X) Services</u></b>		
<b><u>Stationary Lots(sampling, grade/factor, &amp; checkloading)</u></b>		
Truck/trailer/container	G278	\$ 18.10
Railcar (per carrier)	G250	\$ 27.60
Barge (per carrier)	G222	\$174.35
Sacked grain (per hour per service representative plus an administrative fee per hundred weight)	G254	\$ .02
<b><u>Lots sampled online during loading (sampling charge at applicable hourly rate applies)</u></b>		
Truck/trailer/container	G277	\$ 9.85
Railcar (per carrier)	G249	\$ 19.10
Barge (per carrier)	G221	\$108.10
Sacked grain (per hour per service representative plus an administrative fee per hundred weight)	G253	\$ .02
<b><u>Other services</u></b>		
Submitted sample (per sample - grade and factor)	G271	\$ 10.60
Warehouseman inspection (per sample)	G283	\$ 17.60
Factor only (per factor - maximum 2 factors)	G239	\$ 4.60
Checkloading/condition examination (use applicable hourly rates, plus an administrative fee per hundred weight if not previously assessed)	G234	\$ .02
Reinspection (grade and factor only. Sampling service additional)	G251	\$ 11.60
Class X Weighing (per hour per service representative)	G235	\$ 48.00

**Additional tests (excludes sampling)**

Aflatoxin (per test - other than TLC method)	G220	\$ 25.60
Aflatoxin (per test - TLC method)	G219	\$101.60
Soybean protein and oil (one or both)	G257	\$ 8.10
Wheat protein (per test)	G287	\$ 8.10
Sunflower oil (per test)	G275	\$ 8.10
Corn protein, oil, and starch (one or all)	G291	\$ 8.10
Vomitoxin (qualitative)	G280	\$ 26.10
Vomitoxin (quantitative)	G282	\$ 31.10
Waxy corn (per test)	G285	\$ 9.35
Canola (per test - 00 dip test)	G233	\$ 9.35
Pesticide Residue Testing - routine compounds (per sample)	G247	\$200.00
Pesticide Residue Testing - special compounds (per sample) (per service representative)	G248	\$100.00

**Appeal inspection and review of weighing service 4/ 5/**

Board appeal and Appeals (grade and factor)	G226	\$ 76.60
Factor only (per factor - max 2 factors)	G225	\$ 39.60
Sampling service for Appeals additional at applicable hourly rate.		
Aflatoxin (per test, other than TLC) 6/	G223	\$ 25.85
Aflatoxin (TLC)	G224	\$111.10
Soybean protein and oil (one or both)	G227	\$ 15.85
Sunflower oil	G228	\$ 15.85
Wheat protein (per test)	G229	\$ 15.85
Corn protein, oil, and starch (one or all)	G292	\$ 15.85
Vomitoxin (per test - qualitative)	G230	\$ 36.10
Vomitoxin (per test - quantitative)	G231	\$ 41.10
Vomitoxin (per test - HPLC Board appeal)	G232	\$128.00
Pesticide Residue Testing - routine compounds (per sample)	G247	\$200.00
Pesticide Residue Testing - special compounds (per sample) (per service representative)	G248	\$100.00
Review of weighing (per hour per service representative)	G252	\$ 69.60

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**Stowage examination (service on request) 7/**

Ship (per stowage space)(minimum \$250 per ship)	G270	\$ 50.50
Subsequent ship examinations (same as original) (minimum \$150 per ship)	G270	\$ 50.50
Barge (per examination)	G259	\$ 40.50
All other carriers (per examination)	G260	\$ 15.50

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2/ An additional charge will be assessed when the revenue from the services in the above section does not cover what would have been collected at the applicable hourly rate as provided in section 800.72(2).

3/ If performed outside of normal business hours, 1 ½ times the applicable unit fee will be charged.

4/ If, at the request of the Service, a file sample is located and forwarded by an agency for an official appeal, the agency may, upon request, be reimbursed at the rate of \$2.50 per sample by the Service.

5/ Board appeal inspections are based on file samples.

6/ Testing Aflatoxin for HPLC should be charged at the applicable USGSA noncontract hourly fee, utilizing rate code G240, by the total number of hours (3.75) required to perform the testing.

7/ If a ship has had, and passed, a stowage examination at one port location but not loaded all holds examined and then moved to another port, the subsequent stowage examination shall not be charged the minimum hold fee but only the per hold unit charge.

8/ Testing fees are applicable to any level of service (original inspection, reinspection, appeal inspection, or Board appeal inspection) and do not include a sampling service fee which, if applicable, will be assessed separately in accordance with the fees in this schedule.

**TABLE 3**  
**Miscellaneous Services 1/**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>
Grain grading seminars (per hour per service representative)	G242	\$ 48.00
Certification of diverter-type mechanical samplers (per hour per service representative)	G258	\$ 48.00
Special services (per hour per service representative)		
Scale testing and certification	G258	\$ 48.00
Evaluation of weighing and material handling systems		
Mass standards calibration and reverification		
Special projects		
NTEP prototype evaluation (other than Railroad Track Scales)	G246	\$ 48.00
NTEP prototype evaluation (plus usage fee per day for test car)	G245	\$110.00
Foreign travel (per day per service representative)	G241	\$435.00
Online customized data EGIS service		
One data file per week for 1 year	G288	\$500.00
One data file per month for 1 year	G289	\$300.00
Samples provided to interested parties (per sample)	G255	\$ 2.50
Divided-lot certificates (per certificate)		
Extra copies of certificates (per certificate)		
Faxing (per page)	G299	\$ 1.50
Special mailing (actual cost) <u>2/</u>	XXXX	Actual Cost
Travel (mileage, airfare, per diem, etc.)	G276	Actual Cost
Extra copies of certificates, faxing per page, and divided lots <u>3/</u>	G299	\$ 1.50/copy

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2/ The rate code XXXX should only be used when there is no other rate code that matches the service performed. In those cases when XXXX is used, the actual dollar amount billed should be entered into BLCO.

3/ A fee for extra copies will be assessed when more than the original and three copies of a certificate are requested for any kind or level of official service (G299).

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Billing Codes and Rates for Official Inspection and Weighing Services  
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Hourly Rates

<u>Service</u>	<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>
Original Inspection and Official Weighing, Reinspection, and Appeal Inspection <u>3/</u> <u>4/</u> <u>5/</u> <u>6/</u>			
Contract	Monday-Saturday	G101	\$103.00/hour
	Sunday and Holiday	G102	\$130.00/hour
Noncontract	Monday-Saturday	G103	\$137.00/hour
	Sunday and Holiday	G104	\$172.00/hour
Extra Copies of Certificates <u>7/</u>		G199	\$ 1.50

1/ As published in section 800.71(a) of the regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended. See Federal Register (51 FR 21791) dated June 10, 1988.

2/ Hourly fees will be assessed in 1/4-hour increments for each service representative.

3/ Official inspection and weighing services include, but are not limited to, grading, weighing, sampling, stowage examination, equipment testing, scale testing and certification, test weight reverification, evaluation of inspection and weighing equipment, demonstrating official inspection and weighing functions, furnishing standards illustrations, and certifying inspection and weighing functions.

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- 4/ Fees for reinspection and appeal inspection services performed at locations where FGIS is providing original inspection services will be assessed at the applicable contract or noncontract hourly rate as the original inspection. However, if additional personnel are required to perform the reinspection or appeal inspection, the applicant will be assessed the noncontract original inspection hourly fee.
- 5/ Board appeal inspections are based on file samples.
- 6/ The rate code XXXX should only be used when there is no other rate code that matches the service performed. In those cases when XXXX is used, the actual dollar amount billed should be entered into BLCO.
- 7/ A fee for extra copies will be assessed when more than the original and three copies of a certificate are requested for any kind or level of official service.

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Services Performed by Delegated States  
and Designated Agencies in the United States 1/

**Supervision of Official Inspections and Weighing**

<u>Service</u>	<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>
Truck/Trailer/Other Lots/ Reinspection/Warehouse Grade/Factor <u>2</u> /	Supervision of Inspection or Weighing	G307	0.30
Boxcar/Hopper Car <u>2</u> /	Supervision of Inspection or Weighing	G306	0.95
Barge <u>2</u> /	Supervision of Inspection or Weighing	G305	6.15
Ship <u>3</u> /	Supervision of Ship (Inspection or Weighing)	G308	49.20
Supervision of Class Y Weighing/Other Lots/ Truck/Trailer/ Factor Determination (max 2 Factors)/Other Stowage Examinations Certificates/ Reinspections <u>5</u> /	Supervision of Inspection or Weighing	G303	0.20
Ship Stowage Examination	Per Certificate	G309	3.00
Supervision of Class Y Weighing			
Barge	Per Certificate	G301	1.55

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Boxcar/Hopper Car	Per Certificate	G302	.25
Ship/Domestic <u>7/</u>	Per Certificate	G304	12.30

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- 1/ As published in section 800.71 of the regulations under United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.
- 2/ A fee will be assessed for each carrier or sample inspected if a combined lot certificate is issued or a uniform loading plan is used to determine grade.
- 3/ A fee will be assessed per ship regardless of the number of lots or sublots loaded at a specific service point. A fee will not be assessed for divided lot certificates.
- 4/ Inspections for all other lots include, but are not limited to, sampling service, condition examinations, and examination of grain in bins and containers. For weighing services, all other lots include, but are not limited to, seavans and in-house bin transfers.
- 5/ Fees will be assessed for a maximum of two factors. If more than two factors are determined, fees are assessed at rates for grade and factors based on carrier or type sample represented.
- 6/ Official criteria includes, but is not limited to, protein and oil analysis. A fee will be assessed for each sample tested.
- 7/ A Class Y ship fee will be assessed for shipments destined for domestic markets only.